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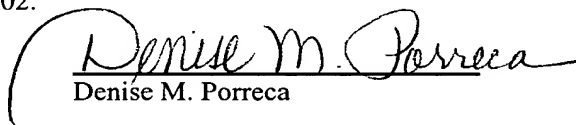
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Sir:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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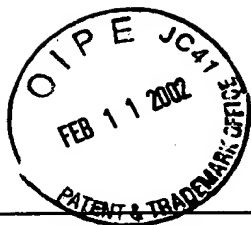
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